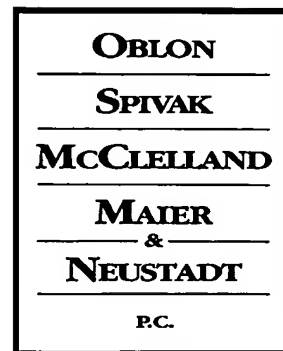




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Group Art Unit: 2142

Examiner: PRIETO, B.

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of -0- attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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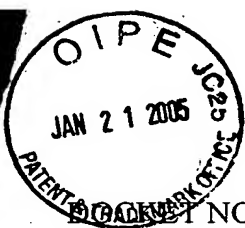
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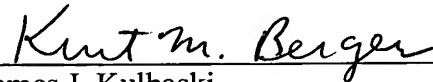
In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, and supplemental to the Amendment filed November 24, 2004, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the interview granted Applicants representative on December 21, 2004. During the interview, the Examiner and Applicant's representative discussed Claim 1, which was amended to recite the step of "obtaining, by a first computer over the network, device information of the at least one network device, the device information including (1) status information obtained from sensors of the at least one network device and (2) a device identification." The Examiner indicated that the amendment would overcome the outstanding rejections of Claim 1 based on U.S. Patent No. 5,897,236 to Hashimoto et al. and U.S. Patent No. 5,583,615 to Hashimoto et al. Further, the Examiner indicated that the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101

(non-statutory subject matter) would be withdrawn and that the double-patenting rejections would be reconsidered in light of the arguments presented in the filed Amendment.

Claims 1-15 are currently pending. Based on the Amendment filed November 24, 2004, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 5, and 9 (and all associated dependent claims) are in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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